

GUIDE FOR SELECTION OF STUDENTS TO ATTEND
THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
AUGUST 1973-JUNE 1974

1. General.

a. The majority of the military students are or will be promoted during the academic year to Colonel in the Army, Air Force or Marine Corps, or to Captain in the Navy. Civilian students are career personnel in General Schedule, Grade 15 or Foreign Service Officer - 3 or higher; however, personnel in grade GS-14 (or equivalent) who have demonstrated an exceptionally high potential for advancement may be considered for selection.

b. The average age of the Class of 1973 is 42.3 years; its civilian membership, 43.6 years. Nominees should be at least 35 years of age, preferably between 38 and 45 years.

c. The prerequisite for Service selection of military students is 15 to 25 years of commissioned service. Equivalent experience for civilian students contributes a balanced and diversified representation for the entire student body.

d. The graduate-level character of the College curriculum relies heavily on educational background; a Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent is the normal minimum for responsive participation in the College academic program.

e. Most importantly, as evident in the above statistics, students should have arrived at a point in their career development where advanced study of national security policy and strategy offered by the College will add appreciably to their future value to the sponsoring department or agency. A student nominee should have demonstrated a potential for higher level responsibility in his department or agency when selected for National War College attendance.

2. Teaching Methodology and Emphasis.

The College emphasis upon discussion group and seminar methodology requires the student's active participation as the representative of his department or agency concerned with the formulation and conduct of national security policy. It is only through such individual contribution and the resulting interchange of ideas among all student members that a rewarding academic program is possible. The demanding course of study, involving detailed analysis of the varied political, psychological, military, economic, social and scientific factors of national security, depends on generally common backgrounds of education, broad experience and maturity.

3. Administrative Matters.

a. The course of instruction for the coming academic year extends from 7 August 1973 through 5 June 1974. It is requested that directives assigning students to The National War College require that they report between 0800 and 0900 hours on 6 August 1973 (Registration Day).

b. All students are required to have a TOP SECRET clearance prior to reporting, and in addition, all non-Department of Defense personnel are required to possess a Q clearance.

c. It is requested that nominations be made as early as practicable to the Commandant, National War College, Washington, D.C. 20315. In the event that a quota or portion thereof cannot be filled by fully-qualified career officers, it is requested that the Commandant be informed as expeditiously as possible in order that allocations may be reassigned to other departments or agencies.